शाम दूध निकालने बैठते हैं तो सवेरे पांच किलो दूध देता है, शाम को पांच किलो दूध देता है, लेकिन अगर दिन भर दस बार उस गाय को दुहने लगें तो वह गाय नहीं रहेगा, बकरा बन जायेगा। इसलिए अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय बाजार की प्रतियोगिता में वहां टिके रहने का आपको विचार करना है और तब टैक्सों का बढ़ौतरी का आवश्यकता है, वह इसलिए नहीं कि आप रात-दिन घाटे में चलते चले जा रहे हैं, डेफिसिट फायनेंसिंग का गेप आपका बढ़ता चला जा रहा है। उस दिन भी मैंने कहा था कि आठ महीने केवल देखिए और आठ महीने के अंदर भारत सरकार साढ़े सात हजार करोड़ रुपए के डेफिसिट फायनेंस में आकर खड़ा होगा। यह स्थिति क्या हो रही है? लग रहा है कि यह सरकार क्षणभंगुरता की ओर तेजी से जा रही है? एक-एक कदम और कदम जो इतने बड़े देश का कदम हो, आर्थिक स्थायित्व लाने वाला कदम हो। लेकिन आज इसका पूरा अभाव दिखाई दे रहा है।

इसलिए मैं आग्रह करना चाहता हूं कि जल्दबाजी में इस विधेयक को पास मत कीजिए और लगे तो इसे सेलेक्ट कमेटी में भेजने की चेष्टा कीजिए। होने दीजिए इस पर चर्चा, इस पर पूरी तरह से चर्चा होने दीजिए और तब इस पर आप सदन में विचार करने के लिए, पारित करने के लिये या हटाने के लिये, जो उपयुक्त हो, उसके लिए अवसर खड़ा कीजिए। लेकिन जल्दबाजी में इसको पास करने की कोशिश मत कीजिए।

इतना ही कहकर मैं अपनी बात समाप्त कर रहा हूं।
धन्यवाद।

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Re. Situation in Karnataka Arising out of Protest against Publication of a Short Story in an English paper "Deccan Herald"

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): Madam Deputy Chairman the House is aware of the recent violence in Bangalore and some parts of Karnataka as a result of protest against publication of a short story in the Deccan Herald Weekly supplement of December 7. In the consequent rioting and violence police had to open fire in Bangalore as well as in Mysore. According to information 11 persons were killed in Bangalore and in Mysore as a result of police firing. The Central Government is in constant touch with the State Government and has asked for fuller and complete details in the matter. The State Government has already initiated some administrative action. A judicial inquiry into the incidents has also been ordered. It is learnt that the Editor and the Publisher of the newspaper have been arrested under section 153 A I.P.C. and cases registered against them. Measures for relief are also reported to be in hand. Details from the State Government in this regard are awaited.

It is a matter of deep regret that a careless and provocative story should have been published in a newspaper without regard to the feelings of our Muslim brethren. Several precious lives have been lost in the Bangalore and Mysore. I have spoken to the Chief Minister of Karnataka and also to the Governor. Both of them have assured me that all steps are being taken to restore law and order and bring about normalcy. My colleague Minister of State for Home Affairs has also been in constant touch with the State authorities. The Central Government has offered all assistance that the State Government may require.

We have requested the Chief Minister to ensure that such provocative publications do not recur and he has assured us that steps will be taken in this behalf. We have impressed upon the State Government to maintain law and order to see that the situation is not exploited by anti-social elements.

[Shri Buta Singh]

We have also been in touch with the leaders of the Muslim community in Bangalore and have assured them fullest protection and action against elements who are out to vitiate the atmosphere of communal harmony. While we share the sense of hurt of our Muslim brethren, I would appeal to them to accept the unconditional apology of the Editor of the newspaper which has been prominently published. I convey my deepest sympathies to the families of those who lost their lives and those who have been injured in the last two days.

Peace and communal harmony are the need of the hour and I appeal through this House to all sections of the people in Karnataka to restore peace and communal amity.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Yes, Mr. Kalpnath Rai.

SHRI KALPNATH RAI (Uttar Pradesh): On the Bill?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Yes, you speak on the Bill.

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE (Madhya Pradpesh): On the Bill? No clarifications on the statement?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: It was decided that there won't be any clarifications.

SHRI K. MOHANAN (Kerala): I have sent my name, Madam.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: What is the point in sending your name when it has been decided that there won't be any clarifications? (*Interruptions*).

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE (West Bengal): Madam, our clarifications would be only in the nature of collecting more information. He has made a statement and provided us some information and on that we have some questions to ask. So, provide us an opportunity.

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Madam. we would like to seek some factual information.

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: Madam, we want you to protect us in certain matters. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: A statement has been made by the Minister. (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You see, it was decided earlier that there would not be any clarifications.

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: No; it was not. (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: It was decided. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Who told you? (*Interruptions*) Who told you, Madam?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: It was decided that there would not be any clarifications because at a very short notice the Minister has made the statement. I don't think he has any more information.

SHRI BUTA SINGH: Madam, I wish to make a submission to the House through you that I won't be able to answer the questions because ...

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: You see the nature of questions first.

SHRI BUTA SINGH: ... basically, the issue pertains to law and order, ...

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: That we know.

SHRI BUTA SINGH: ... and. therefore, it is only the State Government which can answer all the questions. I was asked to make a factual statement which I have just now made. If the honourable Members want to ask questions about the facts, I am prepared to answer them.

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: That is right. This will help you also in collecting facts from different directions. You can know what we have in our minds and that will help you. Though you come for our support, you can also gain from our observations.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No, please. Now, Mr. Kalpnath Rai to speak on the Bill.

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Madam, you are not allowing us to ask for clarifications?

SHRI BUTA SINGH: Madam, I have said that if they want some more facts, naturally, I will get in touch with the State Government. But readily it is not possible for me to answer all the questions. I am prepared to listen to them.

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Madam, the honourable Minister has described the writing as provocative. I would like to know whether the honourable Minister has seen the story himself.

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: Yes, we have to know these things.

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: I have been trying to locate that story. But that edition of the newspaper is not available in Delhi. Have you seen the story yourself, Mr. Home Minister? Did the Central Intelligence give you any warning about the events that took place in Karnataka after the publication of this story?

SHRI BUTA SINGH: They very fact that the Editor himelf came out with an unconditional apology in the same paper shows...

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: That is for the title, but not for the story.

SHRI BUTA SINGH: Pardon me?

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: The apology is for the title and not for the story as such. (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You see, Mr. Chatterjee, you wanted some clarifications. The Minister has made the statement at the eleventh hour, at a very short notice. Mr. Vajpayee was also there and he knows about the decision not to allow clarifications. Since you are insisting, he has stood up to give some clarifications. Now, even when he is standing to give clarifications, you do not listen to him. I don't think it is fair. Now, only one or two clarifications, and then we will move on to the Bill.

SHRI BUTA SINGH: Madam, Vajpayeeji has asked me whether I have seen the story. I have seen both. I have seen the story and also the apology and the wordings of my statement are based precisely on the story and the apology that appeared in the Press. Yes, after this happened, we got the information from the State Government and I had myself talked to the Chief Minister who told me exactly what has appeared in the Press itself.

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Any prior warning by the Intelligence?

SHRI BUTA SINGH: Therefore, I can say that with certainty. As the honourable Member, Vajpayeeji has said. it is in my knowledge.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Yes, Mr. Mohanan.

SHRI K. MOHANAN: Madam, I am really sorry that in the statement of the Minister. in the second paragraph, it has been stated that it is a matter of deep regret that a careless and provocative story should have been published in the newspaper without regard to the feelings of our Muslim brethren. Madam, actually this story was originally published in Malayalam some ten years back.

And it was an award winning story, and in that the title was 'Mohammed, the Idiot'. Mohammed is the name of a boy.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, are you seeking a clarification or... (*Interruptions*). Please come to your point straightway.

SHRI K. MOHANAN: On what basis has the Home Minister stated that it is a matter of deep regret that a careless, provocative story should have been published in a newspaper without regard to the feelings of our Muslim brethren? There was nothing against the feelings of Muslim brethren in that story. It depicts the rural life of Kerala. centralising the boy named Mohammed. Unfortunately the name of Prophet was also Mohammed. (*Time bell rings*). Only because of that it has happened. There was no objection from the Muslim brethren in Kerala for the last ten years. I would like to say that Mr. Abraham, a Congress(I) ex-Minister, who was a Cabinet Minister in Mr. Gundu Rao's Cabinet, is also responsible to make such a provovative statement in a most...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Don't reply to this.

SHRI K. MOHANAN: Mr. Minister, do you know that Mr. Abraham was responsible for all these things?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Mohanan, you are not seeking a clarification; you are trying to do something else. Please sit down.

SHRI BUTA SINGH: I would not like to join issue with the hon. Member in this stage. (*Interruptions*) Second thing is that the tradition in this House is that we cannot make allegations and counter allegations about people who are not here to defend themselves. Thirdly, my using the word 'carelessness' is the paper itself; in their apology this is admitted that this is carelessness on the part of the one who published this story. I am not trying to use any word from my side. Yes. I feel sorry for the precious lives lost in this mad act. Whosoever has done this, it is definitely a mad act which has taken such a heavy toll of life in Karnataka, because of which precious lives have been lost.

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Are you denying the fact that some Congress leaders are involved in it?

SHRI BUTA SINGH: I am sorry I have to repudiate what Shri Vajpayeeji and other hon. Members have said. I will not go on record. But everybody in this country knows which mentality is behind such acts.

SHRI K. MOHANAN: Thank you very much. But*

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: This will not go on record.

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA (Karnataka): I may kindly be permitted. I am from that State.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: If you are asking only a clarification, I will give you one minute.

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: I come from that State. The statement relates to my State, where the people will be looking as to what their MPs are doing in Parliament. Madam, precious lives have been lost. The hon. Home Minister has said that it is a mad act committed by somebody. It is a mad act. But what is the Government doing? What is it? Everyday killings are there. Today there is another firing and another man is killed. What s ithe Government doing? Can they not find out what is happening in Karnataka. Wherever there is a concentration of Muslims, they can anticipate that such things will come. Actually. the Chief Minister cannot wash his hands off by just appointing a judicial commission, a judicial enquiry... (*Interruptions*)

*Not recorded.

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: What more do you want? (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please sit down... (*Interruptions*). Nothing will go on record. Please sit down. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI BUTA SINGH: My colleague has mentioned the names. I requested the hon. Member not to mention the names. There are very prominent leaders of the Janata Party and also the M.L.As and the M.L.Cs. This is not the forum. I do not want to discuss the conduct of the State Government and the parties involved there.

SHRI K. MOHANAN: We want to know who are the people responsible for this. It may be the Congress Party or the Janata Party or the Communist Party.

SHRI BUTA SINGH: This is not the forum. This is the forum from where an appeal should go to the people of Karnataka to calm down and live in peace and amity because Karnataka always had a very very cordial atmosphere. We should not try to say anything on the floor of the House which will upset the cordiality amongst various communities in Karnataka. The whole House should issue an appeal to the people of Karnataka not to be misled. They should remain calm and try to inculcate the feeling of brotherhood which has been there for centuries in Karnataka.

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: I join my voice in issuing an appeal for brotherhood and amity.

SHRI GHULAM RASOOL MATTO (Jammu and Kashmir): I join with the sentiments expressed by the hon. Minister. A situation has arisen over there when Shri Buta Singh or his Minister of State, Shri Chidambaram, should go to Bangalore. This visit is very essential. Will he assure us that either he or his Minister of State will fly to Bangalore immediately see that normalcy is restored? (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please sit down.

SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNNA (Andhra Pradesh): Madam, I will suggest a good thing.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: If it is a good thing, then it is allowed.

SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNNA: As there has been a sense of objection in Bangalore, Mysore and other places, there is every possibility of the same sense of objection taking place in every part of the country. I request the hon. Minister to take all precautionary steps in order to see that no untoward incidents take place in other parts of the country.

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Madam...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You got your chance and the Minister has the Minister afterwards. I have already replied. Please sit down. (*Interruptions*) If you want, you can meet lowed you and the Minister has replied also. Please sit down.

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:*

SHRI K. MOHANAN:*

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: All this will not go on record. Now we shall take up further discussion on the Bills.

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1. THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE REVENUES APPELLATE TRIBUNAL BILL, 1986—contd.
2. THE CUSTOMS TARIFF (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1986—contd.
3. THE CENTRAL EXCISE TARIFF (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1986—contd.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Kalpnath Rai.

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